

CLAIM SUMMARY DOCUMENT

1. (Currently Amended): A booster seat configured to carry a child and adapted to be supported by at least one of a chair and seat, the booster seat comprising:

a horizontally extending seat portion;

~~a back portion~~;

at least one rotatable spool ~~attached to the booster seat~~; positioned to lie under the horizontally extending seat portion and rotate about a vertically extending axis of rotation, and

at least one pair of straps having at least one strap windable about the at least one rotatable spool with the other strap of the at least one pair of straps configured to be connectable to the windable strap.

2. (Currently Amended): ~~The booster seat of Claim 1, further including A~~ booster seat configured to carry a child and adapted to be supported by at least one of a chair and seat, the booster seat comprising

a seat portion,

at least one rotatable spool,

at least one pair of straps having at least one strap windable about the at least one rotatable spool with the other strap of the at least one pair of straps configured to be connectable to the windable strap, and

a base portion connected to the seat portion, the base portion having a front, sides, and a rear wall, and wherein the at least one rotatable spool is mounted to the base portion to rotate about an upwardly extending axis intersecting the seat portion.

3. (Currently Amended): The booster seat of Claim 1, wherein the at least one rotatable spool has a handle adapted to be drivingly connected to the at least one rotatable spool for winding its the at least one windable strap and the at least one rotatable spool is located between the seat portion and the handle.

4. (Currently Amended): The booster seat of Claim 3, wherein the at least ~~on~~ one windable strap is adapted to be wound essentially completely into the booster seat when not in use.

5. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 1, wherein each strap of the at least one pair of straps has an anchored end inside the booster seat and a free end extending outside the booster seat.

6. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 5, wherein the free ends have buckles to connect the at least one pair of straps together.

7. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 6, wherein the at least one pair of straps are adapted to releasably secure the booster seat to one or more of a chair and seat upon which the booster seat is to be used.

8. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 5, wherein the booster seat has recesses to store the free ends of the at least one pair of straps.

9. (Currently Amended): ~~The booster seat of Claim 1~~ A booster seat configured to carry a child and adapted to be supported by at least one of a chair and seat, the booster seat comprising

a seat portion,

at least one pair of straps having at least one strap windable about the at least one rotatable spool with the other strap of the at least one pair of straps configured to be connectable to the windable strap, wherein the at least one rotatable spool includes two rotatable spools, each having an associated pair of straps, and each of the two rotatable spools is arranged to rotate about an upwardly extending axis intersecting the seat portion.

10. (Currently Amended): The booster seat of Claim 9, further including a base portion connected ~~to~~ to the seat portion, the base portion having a front, sides, and a rear wall, and wherein the two rotatable spools are mounted to the base portion and arranged to rotate about axes of rotation that are arranged to lie in spaced-apart relation to one another.

11. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 10, wherein one of the two rotatable spools is mounted closer to the rear wall of the base portion than the other spool.

12. (Currently Amended): The booster seat of Claim 9, wherein at least one of the rotatable spools has a handle ~~adapted to be~~ drivingly connected to the at least one rotatable spool for winding its windable strap.

13. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 12, wherein the rotatable spools are operatively connected together for simultaneously winding and simultaneously unwinding the windable strap on each rotatable spool.

14. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 13, wherein the operative connection is a spur gear drivingly connected between the two rotatable spools.

15. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 13, wherein the windable strap on each rotatable spool is adapted to be wound essentially completely into the booster seat when not in use.

16. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 9, wherein the rotatable spools are operatively connected together for simultaneously winding and simultaneously unwinding the windable strap on each rotatable spool.

17. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 16, wherein the operative connection is a spur gear drivingly connected between the two rotatable spools.

18. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 9, wherein each strap of the two pairs of straps has an anchored end inside the booster seat and a free end outside the booster seat.

19. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 18, wherein the free ends have buckles to connect the straps of each pair of associated straps together.

20. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 19, wherein the two pair of straps are adapted to releasably secure the booster seat to one or more of a chair and seat upon which the booster seat is to be used.

21. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 18, wherein the booster seat has recesses to store the free ends of the two pairs of straps.

22. (Currently Amended): A booster seat configured to carry a child and adapted to be supported by at least one of a chair and seat, the booster seat comprising:

a seat portion;

a back portion;

~~at least one rotatable spool attached to the booster seat;~~ first and second rotatable spools,

~~at least one pair~~ first and second pairs of straps, ~~each strap having at least one a first~~ strap windable about ~~the at least one a companion~~ rotatable spool ~~with the other strap of the~~ at least one pair of straps and a second strap configured to be connectable to the windable first strap; and

~~further including~~ a base portion connected to the seat portion, the base portion having a front, ~~sides~~ first and second sides, and a rear wall, and wherein the at least one rotatable spool is first and second rotatable spools are mounted to the base portion, the rear wall is arranged to lie adjacent to the back portion and is formed to include first and second openings, the first side is formed to include a third opening, the second side is formed to include a fourth opening, the first strap of the first pair of straps is coupled at one end to the first rotatable spool and arranged to pass through the first opening, the second strap of the first pair of straps is arranged to pass through the second opening, the first strap of the second pair of straps is coupled at one end to the second rotatable spool and arranged to pass through

the third opening, and the second strap of the second pair of straps is arranged to pass through the fourth opening.

23. (Currently Amended): A booster seat configured to carry a child and adapted to be supported by at least one of a chair and seat, the booster seat comprising:

a seat portion₁,

a back portion₂,

at least one rotatable spool ~~attached to the booster seat~~, positioned to lie under the seat portion, and

at least one pair of straps having at least one strap windable about the at least one rotatable spool with the other strap of the at least one pair of straps configured to be connectable to the windable strap₁, and

~~wherein the at least one spool has a handle adapted to be drivingly connected to the at least one spool for winding its~~ the at least one windable strap, wherein the at least one spool is arranged to face downwardly in a direction away from the back portion and toward a chair or seat underlying the booster seat.

24. (Currently Amended): The booster seat of Claim 23, wherein the at least ~~on~~ one windable strap is adapted to be wound essentially completely into the booster seat when not in use.

25. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 23, wherein the at least one rotatable spool includes two rotatable spools each having an associated pair of straps and the rotatable spools are operatively connected together for simultaneously winding and simultaneously unwinding the windable strap on each rotatable spool.

26. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 23, wherein each strap of the two pairs of straps has an anchored end inside the booster seat and a free end outside the booster seat.

27. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 26, wherein the free ends have buckles to connect the straps of each pair of associated straps together.

28. (Original): The booster seat of Claim 27, wherein the booster seat has recesses to store the free ends of the two pairs of straps.

29. (New): The booster seat of Claim 22, wherein the first and second rotatable spools are arranged to lie in spaced-apart relation to one another under the seat portion.

30. (New): The booster seat of claim 29, further comprising a first set of radially outwardly extending gear teeth coupled to the first rotatable spool, a second set of radially outwardly extending gear teeth coupled to the second rotatable spool, and an idler gear

coupled to the first and second sets of radially outwardly extending gear teeth to transmit rotary motion from the first rotatable spool to the second rotatable spool.

31. (New): The booster seat of claim 22, further comprising a handle coupled to the second rotatable spool to cause the second rotatable spool to lie between the seat portion and the handle and arranged to rotate the second rotatable spool about an axis of rotation intersecting the seat portion.

32. (New): The booster seat of claim 22, further comprising strap winder means for rotating the first rotatable spool about a first axis of rotation intersecting the seat portion in response to rotation of the second rotatable spool about a second axis of rotation intersecting the seat portion and lying in spaced-apart relation to the first axis of rotation.

33. (New): The booster seat of claim 32, wherein the strap winder means includes a handle coupled to the second rotatable spool and the second rotatable spool is arranged to lie between the seat portion and the handle.

34. (New): The booster seat of claim 32, wherein the strap winder means includes an idler gear and gear teeth coupled to the idler gear and to the first and second rotatable spools.

35. (New): The booster seat of claim 22, further comprising a first post coupled to the base portion and to the second strap of the first pair of straps and a second post coupled to the base portion and to the second strap of the second pair of straps, and wherein the first and second posts are arranged to lie in spaced-apart relation to one another to locate the first and second rotatable spools therebetween.

36. (New): A booster seat comprising
a seat portion,
a base portion underlying the seat portion, the base being formed to include a downwardly opening retractor chamber,
a first strap retractor coupled to the base and arranged to lie in the retractor chamber to be accessed upon movement of the base portion away from an underlying foundation,
a first pair of straps, a first strap of the first pair of straps having an inner end coupled to the first strap retractor in the retractor chamber and an outer end located outside the retractor chamber and a second strap of the first pair of straps having an inner end coupled to the base in the retractor chamber and an outer end located outside the retractor chamber and configured to mate with the outer end of the first strap to anchor the booster seat in an anchored position on an underlying foundation.

37. (New): The booster seat of claim 36, wherein the first retractor includes a first rotatable spool about which the first strap is wound, the inner end of the first strap is coupled to the first rotatable spool to rotate therewith, the base portion is formed to include first and second openings on a rear wall thereof, the first strap is arranged to pass through the first opening, and the second strap is arranged to pass through the second opening.

38. (New): The booster seat of claim 37, wherein the base further includes a bottom wall and a first post coupled to the bottom wall and to the inner end of the second strap, the first rotatable spool is coupled to the bottom wall for rotation about a first axis of rotation, and the first post is located in a position between the first rotatable spool and the rear wall.

39. (New): The booster seat of claim 37, further comprising a second strap retractor coupled to the base and a second pair of straps, a first strap of the second pair of straps having an inner end coupled to the second strap retractor, and a second strap of the second pair of straps having an inner end coupled to the base and an outer end located outside the base and configured to mate with the outer end of the first strap of the second pair of straps to anchor the booster seat in an anchored position on an underlying foundation.

40. (New): The booster seat of claim 39, wherein the second retractor includes a second rotatable spool about which the first strap of the second pair of straps is wound, the inner end of the first strap of the second pair of straps is coupled to the second rotatable spool to rotate therewith, the base portion is formed to include a third opening in a first side thereof and a fourth opening in an opposite second side thereof, the first strap of the second pair of straps is arranged to pass through the third opening, and the second strap of the second pair of straps is arranged to pass through the fourth opening.

41. (New): The booster seat of claim 40, wherein the base further includes a bottom wall and a second post coupled to the bottom wall and to the inner end of the second strap of the second pair of straps, the second rotatable spool is coupled to the bottom wall for rotation about a second axis of rotation, a first post is coupled to the bottom wall and to the inner end of the second strap of the first pair of straps, and the second rotatable spool is located between the first and second posts.

42. (New): The booster seat of claim 36, further comprising a second strap retractor coupled to the base and a second pair of straps, a first strap of the second pair of straps having an inner end coupled to the second strap retractor, and a second strap of the second pair of straps having an inner end coupled to the base and an outer end located outside

the base and configured to mate with the outer end of the first strap of the second pair of straps to anchor the booster seat in an anchored position on an underlying foundation.

43. (New): The booster seat of claim 42, wherein the second retractor includes a second rotatable spool about which the first strap of the second pair of straps is wound, the inner end of the first strap of the second pair of straps is coupled to the second rotatable spool to rotate therewith, the base portion is formed to include a third opening in a first side thereof and a fourth opening in an opposite second side thereof, the first strap of the second pair of straps is arranged to pass through the third opening, and the second strap of the second pair of straps is arranged to pass through the fourth opening.

44. (New): The booster seat of claim 43, wherein the base further includes a bottom wall and a second post coupled to the bottom wall and to the inner end of the second strap of the second pair of straps, the second rotatable spool is coupled to the bottom wall for rotation about a second axis of rotation, a first post is coupled to the bottom wall and to the inner end of the second strap of the first pair of straps, and the second rotatable spool is located between the first and second posts.